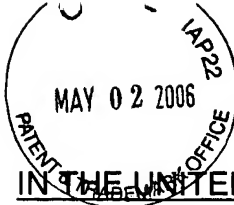


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REQUEST UNDER 37 CFR 10.40 AND 1.36
FOR PERMISSION TO WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY OF RECORD

MS AF
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is also filed pursuant to MPEP 402.06 and 2223. The undersigned attorney hereby requests permission to withdraw as attorney of record for the applicant Michael Albanese in regard to the subject application. There is a pending final Office Action requiring a response from the applicant due on June 30, 2006 and having an extended due date of Sept. 30, 2006. This is more than 30 days from now.

The undersigned hereby verifies that he is signing this request on behalf of all other attorneys of record at customer number 27162. The attorneys of record are: John N. Bain registration number 18,651, John G. Gilfillan, III registration Number 22,746, Elliot M. Olstein registration number 24,025, Raymond J. Lillie registration number 31,778, Alan J

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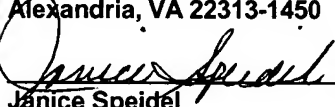
It is hereby certified that reasonable steps were taken to avoid foreseeable prejudice to the rights of the applicant Mr. Albanese including giving due notice to Mr. Albanese, and allowing time for employment of another practitioner and delivering to Mr. Albanese all papers and properties to which Mr. Albanese is entitled and complying with applicable laws and rules. In particular, the original complete file of the subject application has been forwarded May 1, 2006 by Federal Express prepaid postage to Mr. Albanese including a complete copy of the application, cited references, office actions, and pertinent application papers comprising the file and all correspondence between the undersigned and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Under MPEP 402.06, there is at least 30 days between the potential approval of this withdrawal request and the later of the expiration date of a time period for reply due September 30, 2006, which can be obtained by petition and fee for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). It is anticipated that approval of this request will occur at least 30 days prior to any time due for response to the outstanding Office Action..

The reason for withdrawal of the undersigned is that Mr. Albanese has associated himself with others who have acted in place of and with the approval of Mr. Albanese, and who have been assigned responsibility for payment of fees to the undersigned's employer firm and other related matters. Despite repeated telephone calls to Michael Albanese, and a prior agreement between the undersigned's employer firm and Mr. Albanese to pay the firm its fees on a monthly schedule as well as a reduction of its stated fees, no payment has been made to the firm for over four months. Mr. Albanese also refuses to


return calls to the undersigned regarding these matters. On April 28, 2006 when the undersigned called Mr. Albanese on his cell phone, after the undersigned identified himself, the person who answered hung up. This behavior is so outrageous so as to preclude the undersigned and this firm from continuing representing the applicant in any matters.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any overpayments or underpayments in regard to this paper to Deposit Account 03-0678.

<u>EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE</u>	
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I hereby certify that this paper and the attachments hereto are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above addressed to:	
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